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No 2998 Superintg Engineer's Office 8th Dn
Madura 14th November 1871

From

Lieut. Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Dn

To

Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government &c

Sir,

I have the honor to bring the following facts to your notice for the favorable consideration and orders of Government. Enclo. 1

2. Assistant Engineer Mr. Hughes who has been associated with Lieut. Shepherd R.E. on the Sreevigoondum Anicut Works was placed by me during the stoppage of those works in charge of No 3 Range Tinnevelly, for the reasons explained in my letter No 970 dated 23rd June 1871.

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3. Now, however, that the Anicut Works have recommenced, Lieut. Shepherd requests permission

for Mr Hughes to revert to his former duties - Lieut: Shepherd states that he will be able to manage the superintendence of the project without the assistance of Mr Hughes until the 1st of February next, during which time operations must be necessarily confined to earth work and the collection of materials, but that during the period from February to October next, there will be so much masonry work, inclu:ding several important founda:tions that it will not be possible for him, unaided by another Officer, to be responsible for the efficient superintendence of the whole project. -

4 I may mention that up to the present time, no work has been allowed to proceed on the Anicut, nor the foundations of any work whatever without an Officer being present on the spot.

5 Lieut. Shepherd assures me that with the help of Mr Hughes he will be able to open the whole project by the 1st October next; but that if he cannot reckon on such assistance, the work will either be delayed another season, or more important duties will devolve upon Overseers and Maistries than they are capable of performing satisfactorily.

6. Baling, for instance, will be required for nearly every foundation not yet laid, and it is found by experience that natives are so careless about letting in the water before the chunam has set properly, that it would be a matter of regret to have to leave this duty, on any occasion, to an Overseer.

7. With every desire to aid Lieut. Shepherd R.E., and sorry as I should be to disappoint in any way Mr Hughes, by

not allowing him to return and assist in the completion of the project, on which he has already expended a great deal of labor and thought, I fear that I cannot conscientiously allow him to relinquish his present duties, unless an Assistant Engineer is sent in his place.—

8 It is true that Executive Engineer Mr G. S. Sage has been appointed to the charge of the Northern Range Tinnevelly, but that Range embraces a tract of over 2700 square miles in extent, and as it is, and has been for some time past, in a thoroughly disorganized, not to say demoralized state, it is not possible for that Officer, single handed, to put matters straight - Indeed it is absolutely necessary, in the interests of Government, that a European Assistant should remain for

at least the next two or three years, to aid the Officer in charge of the Range, that now combines the late Nos 3 & 4 Ranges Tinnevelly. And until therefore I can obtain the service of a remplaçant to Mr Hughes, it is eminently desirable that he should not be moved from his present post.

9. It occurred to me, in this connection, that it was just possible that, pending the completion of the plans of the Perryaur project and its sanction for execution, the services of one of the two Engineer Officers, engaged on that project, might be available for employment upon the Streevigoontum Anicut Works; and Executive Engineer Mr R Smith, in reply to my query on this subject, informs me, as will be seen from his *letter enclosed, that, in all probability the services of Lieut: Rawson RE

* No 263 dated 9th Novr 71.

will be available for such service in February next.—

11. I have the honor to request therefore that the Government will be pleased to sanction the transfer, from the Perryaur to the Streevigoontum project, of Lieut: Rawson R.E, directly Mr Smith can spare his services from the former project. There can be no doubt but that the practical experience that Lieut: Rawson will thus gain will be most valuable both to himself and the Government, when the Perryaur works are eventually set in hand, and when of course he would revert to that work; while the Assistance that he would be able to afford to Lieut: Shepherd would be such as to put an end to the necessity of moving Mr Hughes from his present duties, in which I may add he

is doing excellent service.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your Most Obdt servant

Richd. J. Roberts Lieut: Col: RE
Superintg Engineer 8th D.

Ro 5 July /71 Nos 62-63

Public Works 1871 Department
From / Pro of Govt for No 2998 Camp
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The Superintg Engineer
8 Division

To

The Secretary to
Government Madras

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Requests that for
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of Assistant Engineer
Lieut Rawson RE from
the Periar Project
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Project at Tinnevelly
may be sanctioned

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From

R. Smith Esqre
Executive Engineer
On Special duty
Madura Distt

To

Lieutenant Colonel R A Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer
8th Division.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 2864 of 6th Instant, and to inform you that, in all probability, Lieutenant Rawson will be available for employment, on the Streeviguntum Anicut works in February next.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt
(Signed) R Smith.
Executive Engineer
On Special duty
Madura Distt

(True Copy.)

Richd A. Roberts Lieutt Col R.E
Superintending Engineer 8th Dn

No 5 [illegible] Public Works 1871 Department

Enc 1 In a letter from the Supg Engineer 3rd Dn to the Secretary to Government DPW, No 2998 dated 14 instant.

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Mr Smith's letter informing that Lieut Rawson will be available for employment on the Striviguntum Anicut Project in February next.

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The Supg. Engr.
8th Division

Read the following

(H. E. No. 2998 of 14th Novr/71)

It may [illegible] next Council [illegible] the interests at stake [illegible] are very important

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The Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division will observe from G. O. No. 190 dated 23rd Jany 1871, that it has been decided on transferring one of the Officers now employed on the Perryaur project to the Kistna District, & as the need for the services of an additional Officer in that District is urgent, His

His Excellency the Governor in Council is unable to accede to Lieutt Colonel Roberts request.

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28 Nov

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To
The Supg Engr 2d & 8 Dn
" Chief Engr for Irrigation
Mr R. Smith

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